



**The Arts Council of National United Methodist Church
and North Bethesda Camera Club**

Present

An Exhibition of Photography

Friendship: The Ties That Bind



Love this Guy, Saul Pleeter

Opening and Reception: Sunday, May 7

Exhibition dates: May 7 - July 15, 2023

Location: National United Methodist Church, 3401 Nebraska Ave NW,
Washington, DC 20016 www.nationalchurch.org

Exhibition hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 pm, Sunday, 9:00 a.m.-
12:30 p.m. Please call 202-363-4900 for entry during the week.

Free Admission

Parking: Plentiful free parking on church property

Exhibition Theme: Friendship: The Ties That Bind

This exhibition's theme draws our attention to the intimate, varied and meaningful relationships shared between people, between animals, and between humans and animals. The key criterion our judge used is how well the photograph captures and conveys the depth of the emotional ties between the subjects in the image. These emotions may be revealed through a look in the eyes, through facial expressions, or through 'body language.' Those fleeting moments allow us as viewers to witness the magic of emotional ties that bring and keep us together.



Hold My Hands, Eriko Silva

Curators' Statement: Marilu Wood and Carol Schleicher, Co-Curators

The Arts Council and the North Bethesda Camera Club first met in January 2020 when Michael Michell and Alec Chester (formerly a member of the Club) mounted a two-person exhibit of their work. Impressed by the quality, creativity, and delight of Michael and Alec's work, when asked if there was room in the schedule for a show of the work of other members of the NBCC, the Curators were excited to host an exhibit of the work of other members of the NBCC. Enjoy!

Judge's Statement: Jill Bochicchio

The well-respected professional portrait photographer and instructor, **Jill Bochicchio**, served as the judge for this exhibition.

I had the privilege of judging the North Bethesda Camera Club's exhibition with the theme of "Friendship: The Ties That Bind." These emotional ties can be between human beings, between humans and animals, and between animals. All 78 of the original entries were so good, that it was extremely difficult to narrow the show down to 39 evocative photographs.

These 39 creative images go so well together. Each image shows emotional ties that are genuine and sincere between the subjects.

Some images share a loving, tender, quiet moment.

Each image is an opportunity to imagine the story and emotions that created the scene. For example, one image shows the shadow of a person on the Vietnam Memorial, visiting a friend or family member who was lost. Another shows several people's hands playing dominos. I imagine they are all friends, who meet every weekend to enjoy each other's company. In another two elephants' foreheads are pressed together in a loving way. You know they will be together for life.

There are so many wonderful images which will spark emotions for each of you. I know you'll enjoy the show. Congratulations to each of the photographers of the winning images.



The Tickle, William Seelig

Photographers whose work was selected for this exhibition:

- Beth Altman
- Robert Barkin
- Stan Collyer
- James Corbett
- Bennett Fletcher
- Tom Gross
- Evelyn Jacob
- Max Kantzer
- Dick Knapp
- Michael Mitchell
- Kathryn Mohrman
- Al Neyman
- Saul Pleeter
- Toni Robinson
- Sarah Hood Salomon
- Bill Seelig
- Claudia Seelig
- Erica Silva
- Cat Simmons
- Janice Solomon
- Don Tobin
- Nikolaos Zacharakis



Eagle Hunter, Kathryn Mohrman



A Close Bond, Sarah Salomon

North Bethesda Camera Club (NBCC):

NBCC was formed in 1965 with the goal of helping both aspiring and established photographers grow and refine their craft and art, and the club has been going strong ever since. It shares and explores information on all types of photography, provides regular educational programs and competitions, and offers a means for member photographers to receive helpful critiques and feedback from more experienced photographers. The membership is capped at 175 people to maintain a size conducive for providing a sense of community. NBCC also collaborates with other area camera clubs on larger-scale projects of shared interest. More information can be found on the club's website: www.nbccmd.org



The Arts Council of the National United Methodist Church Mission Statement:

Metropolitan's arts programs promote the awareness that "Art is a gift of being and serves as a sacred bridge" to our Creator, to ourselves, and to our world. The arts reflect God's creativity around us and recognize God's creativity within us. Made in God's image, we are called to find and use our creative powers in all aspects of living.



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